

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steve Mast et al.

Art Unit: 3652

Serial No.: 10/092,290

Examiner: Johnson, Raymond B.

Filed: March 6, 2002

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For: DRIVE OVER CONVEYOR PIT

ASSEMBLY

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Commissioner for Patents

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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:

Transmittal (3 pgs., in duplicate); Response to Restriction and Election Requirements in response to Office Action dated December 31, 2003 (3 pgs.); Return post card

STATUS

2.	Applicant

claims small entity status.

is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.										
		(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)									
	(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)										
Exte	ension	for r	esponse within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)						
			first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00						
			second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00						
			third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00						
			fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00						
			fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00						
				Fee Due	\$						
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. (Check and complete the next item, if applicable)											
An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.											
	Extension fee due with this request \$										
	(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.										

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE			
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$			
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$			
	FIRST PRESEN	TATION OF	+ \$140 = \$		+\$280 = \$					
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$			
	(a) No additional fee for Claims is required									
				OR						
	(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$									
	FEE PAYMENT									
5.	5 Attached is a check in the sum of \$									
	Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.									
			FEE :	DEFICIEN	NCY					
6.		If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.								
				AND/OR						
	If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.									
7.	Other:									

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

Remarks

The Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing is been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-28 are now pending in this application and are subject to a restriction or election requirement.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is respectfully requested.

A restriction to either Group I, consisting of Claims 1-8 drawn to ramp structure for a vehicle, classified in Class 414, subclass 337, Group II, consisting of Claims 9-12 drawn to hydraulic lift/elevator assembly, classified in Class 187, subclass 203 or Group III, consisting of Claims 13-28, drawn to a grain transfer handling system, classified in class 414, subclass 787,